

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising at least 24 contiguous bases of nucleotide sequence first disclosed in the NHP sequence described in SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- (b) hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement thereof.

3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence is present in cDNA.

4. An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 3 encoding the amino acid sequence described in SEQ ID NO:2.